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**JURY CONVICTS FORMER EL PASO BORDER PATROL AGENT  
ON ALIEN SMUGGLING CHARGES**

**U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that a federal jury in El Paso this morning convicted Noe Aleman, Jr., of conspiracy to defraud the United States and two substantive counts of alien smuggling. As a result, Aleman faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a maximum \$750,000 fine.

From January 5, 2004, to June 15, 2004, in order to circumvent age limits of U.S. immigration and legal adoption policies he attempted to adopt three teenage girls from Mexico, ages fourteen, sixteen and eighteen. Testimony during trial revealed that Aleman provided false testimony to the adoption court in order to obtain crossing orders for the teenagers. Those orders allowed the girls to legally enter the United States on March 12, 2004, to attend court hearings. The crossing orders prohibited the girls from staying in the United States past March 12, 2004. Jurors found that Aleman knowingly violated the orders, keeping the girls in the United States after March 12, 2004. Jurors also found that he repeatedly provided false information to the United States and the adoption court regarding their ages, whereabouts and parentage.

"Mr. Aleman's job was to protect the U.S. border from illegal immigration. Instead of enforcing immigration laws, he violated the very laws he swore to uphold through fraud and deceit. Today, he learned no one is above the law," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

Sentencing for Aleman is scheduled for 9:00am on July 26, 2005 before United States District Judge Kathleen Cardone.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security - Office of Inspector General and Office of Internal Audit together with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorneys J. Brandy Gardes and Stephen Garcia are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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